

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been amended. Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled.

Claims 1-8 remain pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement in that there is no support for "starting up operation steps being displayed in boxes in a time series." This language has been deleted in amended claim 1.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being unclear for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the application. Claims 1-8 have been amended in a manner which it is believed satisfies the Examiner's objections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102/103

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Mimura et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,080,364 (Mimura et al.).

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Mimura et al.

For the reasons set forth hereafter, it is submitted that remaining claims 1-8, as amended are patentable.



FIG. 4

